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The Council met in the Legislative Chamber, Public Offices at Twelve of the clock, with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, Dewan-President, in the Chair.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the rolls:—

1. Dr. S. John (*Surgeon-General*).
2. Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Additional Secretary to Government and Director of Food Supplies*).
3. Mr. S. Parthasarathy Aiyangar (*Inspector-General of Police*).
4. Mr. K. Subramonia Pillai (*Director of Agriculture*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Post-War Reconstruction Committee.

35. * **Mr. G. Revi Varma** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have appointed any Committee called "the Post-War Reconstruction Committee";

(*b*) who the members of the Committee are;

[Mr. G. Revi Varma.]

(*c*) whether the Committee has already begun its deliberations for Post-War Reconstruction; and

(*d*) whether there is any definite programme drawn up for Post-War Reconstruction work by the Government?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Chairman: The Dewan (or in his absence, the Chief Secretary to Government.)

Members:—

(i) The Director of Research.
(ii) Chief Engineer (or his nominee).
(iii) Electrical Engineer to Government.
(iv) Director of Transport (or his nominee).
(v) Director of Agriculture.
(vi) Director of Industries.
(vii) Secretary to Government in the Development Section (Convener).
(viii) Conservator of Forests.
(ix) Director of Public Instruction.
(x) Director of Public Health.
(xi) Financial Secretary to Government.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. G. Revi Varma: Sir, may I know, with reference to answer to part (*b*) whether the representatives of the people will be included in that Committee?

President: As soon as the preliminary work of the Post-War Reconstruction Committee is over and all the schemes have been worked out with the data available so far, it is the intention of Government to associate the non-officials with the work of the Post-War Reconstruction Committee and those non-officials will include the representatives of both the Chambers.

Mr. G. Revi Varma: With reference to part (*c*) of the answer, will the Government be pleased to consult both the Houses of the Legislature in regard to the work of the Post-War Reconstruction?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Sir, the question is whether the Committee has already begun its deliberations. In answer to that what I have to say is that they have just begun and only the preliminaries are being considered. As you said, Sir, before final decisions are taken, the representatives of the people will also be included for deliberation.

Mr. G. Madhavan (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha cum Shertallai*): May I know, how long will it take to arrive at decisions?

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President : A considerable time. I may at once say this much. The whole matter is being considered by the Government of India and they have indicated that they would concentrate on certain matters. As this Government have made it clear, we are not wholly dependent upon any conclusions that are arrived at by the Government of India, although we should like to work in the fullest possible co-operation with that Government. It may be of interest to the honourable Members of this Legislature and to the public of Travancore to know that I have been nominated for representating this State on the General Policy Committee of the Post-War Reconstruction Committee of the Government of India. In other words, the work of all the various sub-committees of the Post-War Reconstruction Committee will be placed before this General Policy Committee where there are only two representatives of Indian States. They are Sir Mirza Ismail and myself. The whole question of Post-War Reconstruction in so far as it will be undertaken in India and especially in the Indian States will be discussed in the Policy Committee. The work of the various sub-committees will proceed after we know exactly the conspectus of work in India as a whole in order to avoid the over-lapping of activities and useless expenditure on matters which appear to be otiose or unnecessary. The Post-War Reconstruction Committee of Travancore will meet immediately after the main decisions have been taken by the Policy Committee. But before arriving at final decisions, the House will be consulted. It may also be of interest to the honourable Members of the House to know that in the sub-committee appointed by the Government of India on hydro electric development, I am representing this State.

Income Tax appeals.

36. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup** (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Income Tax appeals filed by the agriculturists of Ambalapuzha from 1-10-1119 to 31-10-1119 ; and

(*b*) the number of appeals allowed and dismissed ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), part (*b*) does not arise.

Secret profit Tax.

37. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have demanded a tax by name, secret profit tax from any in the State ;

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